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STRAFFORD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Strafford, Mo., man, pleaded guilty in federal court today to sexual exploitation of a child for the purpose of producing child pornography.

Danny G. Wolfe, 40, of Strafford, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning to charges contained in an Aug. 11, 2004, federal indictment.

Wolfe admitted that he used an underage female to make photographs depicting her engaged in sexually explicit conduct beginning as early as 2001 and continuing until September 2003. The victim was 12 years old at the beginning the period and 14 years old at the end of the period. Some of those photographs, Graves said, included images of the underage female engaged in sex acts with **Wolfe**. According to Graves, **Wolfe** possessed over 600 images of child pornography.

Wolfe transported some of these child pornography images in his interstate travel as a truck driver. **Wolfe** also admitted that he took the girl with him on his interstate travel as a long haul truck driver in the summer of 2003, intending to commit sexual acts with her during their travel.

By pleading guilty today, **Wolfe** also agreed to forfeit to the United States any property used to commit these violations. The forfeiture includes the following items removed from a semi-truck owned by TRL Trucking Company in Mount Vernon, Mo., which formerly employed **Wolfe** as a driver: 155 floppy disks, 74 commercial compact disks, two audio books on tape, eight commercial VCR movies and 34 recordable compact disks. The forfeiture also includes two HP Pavilion computers, two digital cameras and seven compact disks removed from **Wolfe's** residence on Sept. 30, 2003.

Under federal statutes, **Wolfe** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison without parole, up to 60 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Mount Vernon, Mo., Police Department, and the Strafford, Mo., Police Department, with the assistance of the Missouri Division of Family Services.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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